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SAWED-OFF SHOTGUN SENDS KANSAS CITY MAN TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR MORE THAN FOUR YEARS

KANSAS CITY, KAN. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Timothy R. Whittington**, 24, Kansas City, Kan., was sentenced Oct. 4, 2004 by U.S. District Judge G. Thomas VanBebber to 57 months in federal prison, without parole, followed by three years of supervised release.

Whittington entered a guilty plea July 19, 2004 to possessing a sawed-off shotgun on Oct. 23, 2003. In his plea, Whittington admitted he had used a hacksaw to shorten the barrel of a 12-gauge Remington shotgun, Model Sportsman 48, and that the firearm was not registered in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.

Melgren commended the work of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, which investigated the case, and Terra D. Morehead, who prosecuted the case.